



# Department of State JAMS Flash

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## Joint Assistance Management System (JAMS)

### JAMS Proof of Concept II

The JAMS effort is an initiative by USAID and DoS to implement an assistance/grant management solution to support both organization's business processes for managing Federal financial assistance.

In response to the feedback from the JAMS Proof of Concept held in March 2006, the JAMS Team will coordinate a two week Proof of Concept II, tentatively scheduled for late fall/early winter 2006. Taking place in Washington, DC, the first week of the POC II will include 3-5 days of hands-on training on the full capabilities of JAMS based on the user's role. The second week will be a facilitated hands-on practice session with members of the JAMS project team available to assist participants with using the application.

The purpose of the POC II is to provide users the opportunity to view system progress and provide feedback on the configured version of the JAMS application.

The JAMS Team will be identifying Proof of Concept II participants, over the next several months. We hope to include representatives from the various domestic and overseas offices who are involved in awarding and managing assistance.

### DoS Action Cable

On July 31, 2006 an action cable (State 125596) from the DoS Procurement Executive was sent to posts worldwide requesting that they provide the names and positions of individuals involved in awarding, monitoring and funding grants and other forms of Federal financial assistance, no later than August 15, 2006. Responses should be sent by cable, or email RM/DCFO/OGFM—Cathy Chikes ([ChikesCM@state.gov](mailto:ChikesCM@state.gov)) or A/OPE—Greg Young ([YoungGM@state.gov](mailto:YoungGM@state.gov)).

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